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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

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<b>2001 Assembly Bill 11</b>	<b>Assembly Amendment 1</b>
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*Current law* provides that any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to vote at a polling place for any reason may vote absentee. [s. 6.85, Stats.]

*Assembly Bill 11*, among other things, limits the reasons for which an elector may vote absentee. Under the bill, an elector who for any reason is, or expects to be, absent from the municipality in which the elector is qualified to vote is eligible to vote absentee. In addition, under the bill, an elector who, because of age, sickness, handicap, physical disability, jury duty, service as an election official or religious reasons, cannot appear at the polling place in his or her ward or election district is eligible to vote by absentee ballot.

*Assembly Amendment 1* additionally authorizes an elector with a mental disability who cannot appear at the polling place to qualify for an absentee ballot.

Adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 was recommended by the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections, 6 Ayes, 0 Noes, January 23, 2001.